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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David A. Cook et al.
Serial No.: 10/661,326
Filing Date: September 12, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2419
Confirmation No.: 9358
Examiner: Brian T. O'Connor
Title: *System and Method for Verifying the Validity of a Path in a Network Environment*

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.